



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner indicated that as currently written claim 27 appears to read on Sinz. The examiner suggested incorporating the limitations of claims 29 and 31 into claim 27 in order to define that a water ring pump is coupled to the inlet of the water tank inlet and that the water tank inlet is tangential to the outerwall of the water tank, as Sinz and Widemann do not show a tangential inlet to the water tank which is connected to the water ring pump. Likewise, claim 37 claims a water ring pump with a tangentially oriented water tank inlet being connected to the water ring pump outlet. In further searching the instant case the examiner found Harris, but with respect to claim 27, Harris does not teach or fairly suggest a water tank having a tangential inlet in communication with the water ring pump and defining a water reservoir, and that the separation device defines a mud-water reservoir and is coupled to and disposed at least partially within the water tank and extending into the water tank so that the water tank at least partially surrounds the separation device, the water and mud-water reservoirs being separated by at least one wall of the separation device to prevent direct fluid communication between the water and mud-water reservoirs. And likewise, with respect to claim 37, Harris does not teach or fairly suggest a water tank defining a water reservoir and having a tangential inlet coupled to the water ring pump outlet, and a gravitational separation device defining a mud-water reservoir in a lower portion thereof and coupled to and disposed at least partially within the water tank so that the water tank at least partially surrounds the separation device, the water and mud reservoirs being separated by walls of the separation device to prevent direct fluid communication between the water and mud reservoirs. Applicant agreed to the incorporation of claims 29 and 31 into claim 27 by examiner's amendment.